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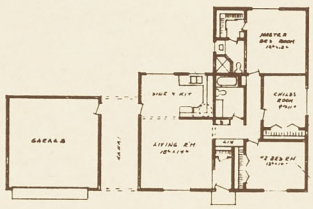

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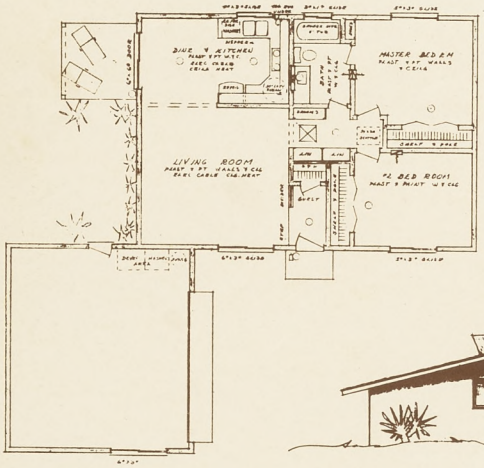

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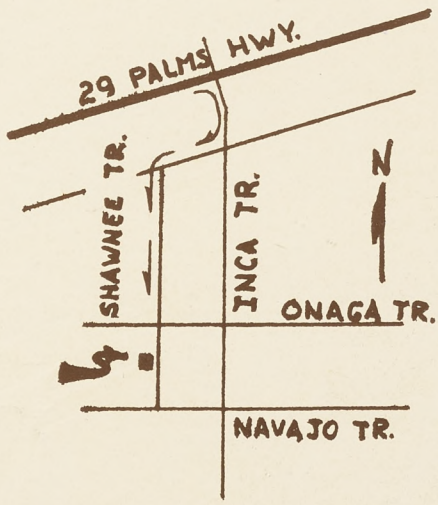

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1967 Grubstake Days Queen Beverly Vollaire (center), Yucca Valley, and Princesses Ruth Schmeling (left), Morongo Valley, and Hawaiian-born Gwen Ventar (right), 29 Palms Marine Base.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY — MAY 25

Advance Ticket Sales — Graham Bros. Circus & Carnival
Circus Carnival Opens — 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Carnival Grounds — Hopi and Yucca Trails
"Grubstake Gladys In Denver" — Yucca Valley Players
Yucca Valley Community Hall — Curtain 8 p.m.

FRIDAY — MAY 26

Advance Ticket Sales — Graham Bros. Circus & Carnival
Circus Carnival Continues — 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Carnival Grounds
"Grubstake Gladys In Denver" — Yucca Valley Players
Yucca Valley Community Hall — Curtain 8 p.m.

SATURDAY — MAY 27

17th Annual Grubstake Days Parade — 10 a.m.
Parade Trophy Awards Presentation — Follows Parade
Hi-Desert Democratic Club Spaghetti Dinner
Salad-Drink-Dessert — $1.25 Donation
Yucca Valley Elementary School
Hopi and Pueblo Trails — 12 noon to 3 p.m.
Circus Carnival — 12 noon on
Carnival Grounds — Hopi and Yucca Trails
Yucca Valley Art Association Art Show & Exhibit
Triangle Park — All day
Complete Beef Pit Barbecue Dinner — $2.00 Donation
Burnt Mountain Dude Ranch — 11:30 a.m. till ?
Junior Rifle Match Competition — 12 noon
Yucca Park Rotary Club Rifle Range
Yucca Valley Jr. Rifle Club vs. Joshua Tree Jr. Rifle Club
Landers Area Chamber of Commerce Turkey Shoot
Immediately following Jr. Match at Rifle Range
Public Invited to participate
Yucca Valley Lions Club "Flight For The Blind"
Yucca Valley Airport — 12:30 p.m. to dusk — $5.00 donation
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*U. S. Marine Corps Band Concert — Carnival Grounds
"Grubstake Gladys In Denver" — Yucca Valley Players
Yucca Valley Community Hall — 8 p.m.
*Button Drawing and Grubstake Queen's Award Presentations
Carnival Grounds
Elks Dance — Elks Lodge Building — Elks & Friends invited

SUNDAY — MAY 28

Sunday Morning Worship Services
At Church of your choice
Yucca Valley Lions Club "Flight For The Blind"
Yucca Valley Airport — 9 a.m. to dusk
National-Pacific Coast-California Cutting Horse Associations' Open Cutting Horse Competition — All Classes of Competition
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Triangle Park — All day
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BOB PURCELL

In 1949 Bob Purcell, our 1967 Grubstake Days Parade Master of Ceremonies, did the first sight and sound televised narration of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and Rose Bowl Game. At that time Bob was Director of Special Events for KTTV.

In subsequent Rose Parades he described a well-known and colorfully-clad equestrian entrant riding a gorgeous horse — our own 1967 Grand Marshall and one of Yucca Valley's leading citizens — A. E. "Art" Miller.

Bob is now a Yucca Valley resident, too, and will be repeating history as he describes Miller and Peavine's Golden Major in the 17th Annual Grubstake Days Parade.

Bob Purcell

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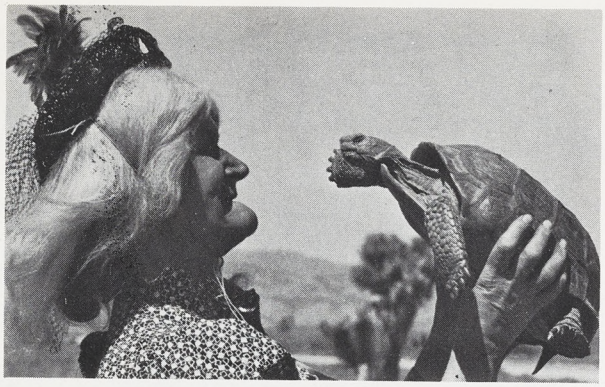
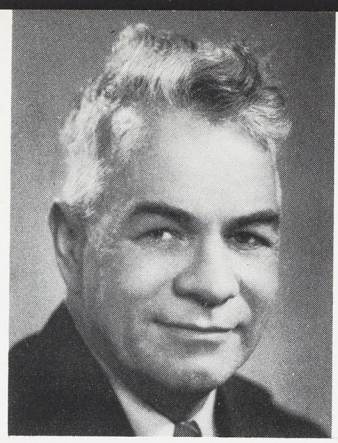


Cactus Kate, First Grubstake Queen



J. P. Hall — President of Western Mining Council

Margaret Buxton as Gladys, Paul Hammett as "Sagebrush Sam" and Ed Burke playing Dopey Charlie in "Grubstake Gladys in Denver."

1966 Princess Terry Elkins, Grubstake Days Queen Charyla Bridges, Arthur Hunnicutt, T-V Actor in "Bonanza" series and Princess Gena Laurenz.

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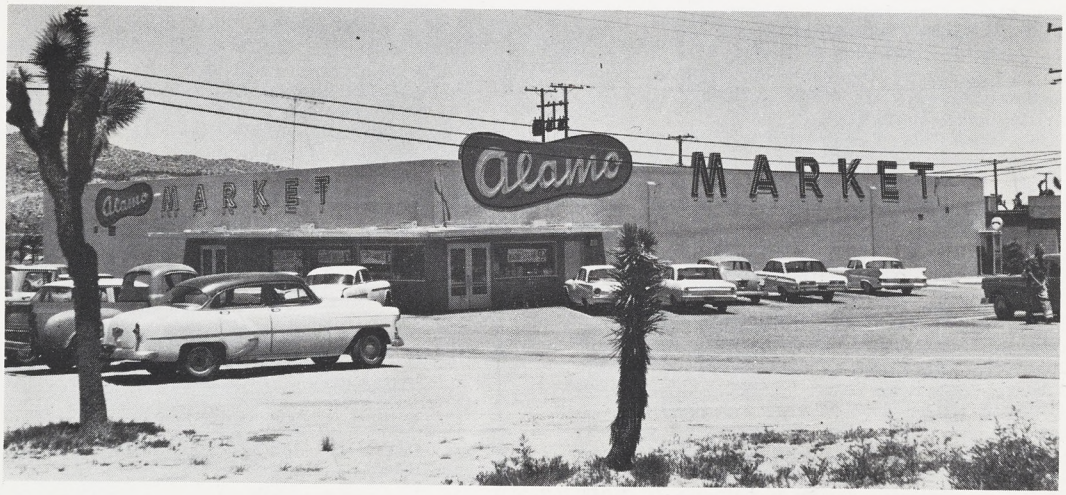

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HISTORY OF GRUBSTAKE DAYS

Despite the absence of complete records and clear memories, it is agreed that Yucca Valley's annual celebration, dating back to 1948, was always called Grubstake Days. In 1950 the late J. P. Hall, publisher of the California Mining Journal, called a joint meeting of the California Mining Council and the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce, under president Jule Boldizsar. The title was officially designated because it was appropriate to the area's history and locale.

That year Cactus Kate became the first Grubstake Day Queen and Maybelle Royal was selected as the first Miss Yucca Valley. In 1951 the Western Mining Council was a group guest and the specialized events turned Yucca Valley into a typical western mining town with young and old panning for gold.

The Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsored Grubstake Days from 1950 through 1965, except for 1963 when the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital, Inc., sponsored the activities. 1966 marked the year the Yucca Valley Jaycees took over the sponsorship and hosting duties.

Grubstake Days has, traditionally, had the habit of getting many people involved in its preparation. Among the earlier-day volunteer workers were former residents K. T. and Cherie Belcher, who outdid themselves on the parades. Working right along with them on a myriad of other details were Roy Roush, Odis J. Ray, Everett Taylor, Jule Boldizsar, Joan Wilson, Bates Marriott, Ken Witting, C. H. Jacobs, Vesta Peters, Jack Weaver, Ruth Duarte, Alfred N. Peters, Jack Coffman, Charlie Watkins, Lou Holland, Art Miller, John Haskell, Luella McGarry Williams, Johnnie Kee, Charlie Gross, Billy Royal and Danny Pekarovich.

Still other dedicated citizens were Alice "Honey" Fellers, Kirk and Laura Martin, Hazel Miller, Ed and Hilda Hardesty, Ken Bonser, Betty and Bob Brownell, Mary Ottis, George Evanoff, Jane Lace, Art LeFevre, Harvey Odgers, Corene Hammett, Betty and John Ehrismann, Dean Howell, Lucille List, Jerry Moore, Alice Bennett, Rod Jones, the total past boards of directors of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce and many others.

San Bernardino County Sheriff Frank Bland and Art Miller have been popular favorites and each have served as Grand Marshal in several parades. From the world of motion pictures and TV, actors Edgar Buchanan, Rex Allen and Arthur Hunnicutt graced the town as Grand Marshals. Radio and TV personality Dick Sinclair was honorary mayor in 1957-58-59. Through the years show business personalities who have made memorable appearances include Carolina Cotton, Monte Montana, actress Joi Lansing and The Firehouse Five Plus Two.

This year the Jaycees hope to add to the rich history of this special community event by bringing Yucca Valley's first circus to town!

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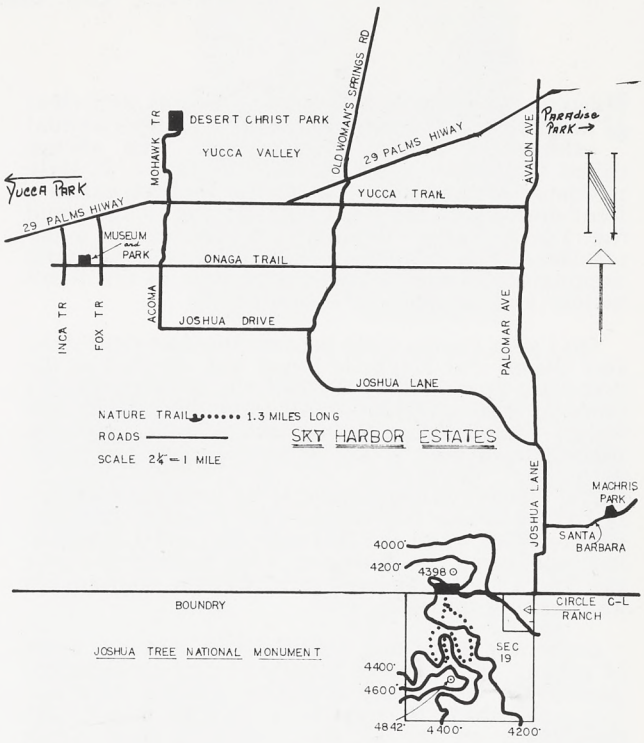
The Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District invites you to utilize and enjoy the facilities of the seven parks and installations within its system during Grubstake Days. At Hi-Desert Park visit the Nature Museum and rest under the cool arbor or shaded picnic areas. You are also invited to use the tennis courts, bowling green, children's playground and game courts.

The swimming pool, site of our youngsters' Desert Swim Conference Meets, is open to the public. Yucca Park can accommodate overnight campers and trailers. There are rest rooms, but bring your own drinking water. The adjoining Rotary Club Rifle Range will be the scene of a Junior Shooting Match and public Turkey Shoot following the Parade.

Desert Christ Park is a most unusual religious shrine built around the concrete Biblical statuary of the late sculptor, Antone Martin, who dedicated his entire works to world peace. The larger-than-life figures depict Christ and his followers in seven separate scenes, including the three-story high Last Supper bas-relief facade. The 10-foot statue of Christ, the first and tallest, was dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1951.

Machris Park is the home of the Tri-Valley Little League and Yucca Valley Coaches Association baseball teams. It also has a clubhouse, tennis court and small playground.

More picnic facilities are available at Paradise Valley Park and an archery range and nature trails are being improved in South Park. An 80 acre parcel northwest of the Yucca Valley Golf Club is being reserved as a wild-life preserve for the exclusive use of the wild-life, the nature lovers, the artists and the camera-bugs.



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HI-DESERT NATURE MUSEUM

Another "must" for all Yucca Valley visitors to see while enjoying Grubstake Days is the Hi-Desert Nature Museum, located in Hi-Desert Park. Under the direction of Naturalist Evelyn G. Conklin, the museum is maintained by the Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District. It is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday; from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday; and closed Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Conklin thoroughly agrees with John Muir, who said, "One day spent with nature is worth a thousand books," and reflects her own philosophy when she says, "For the inquiring person, all of nature is a revelation, a condiment, adding zest to living."

On regular display are collections of butterflies, rocks, gems and minerals from all over the world; fossils from Paleozoic times; copper ore from the Consolidated Copper Co.; pine cones (one from the oldest living pine tree); pressed desert wildflowers; birds' eggs and nests; petrified wood; and sun-colored glass. Visitors will learn the story of borax and the 20-mule teams, will see the live reptiles and discover what they should know about non-poisonous and poisonous desert creatures. There are many Indian artifacts such as rare and unusual implements, points, pottery, manos, pestels and Kachina dolls. Also, there is a special display of sea shells from the islands and coastlines of the Pacific Ocean.

For Grubstake Days Miss Conklin has promised a display of the selected works of Roy Ropp, Yucca Valley artist; and a special gem and mineral showing.

Among the many words of praise for the museum Dr. Ritner Sayles, archaeologist for the San Bernardino County Museum, said this museum was set up in a very fine manner and had some outstanding specimens.

MORONGO VALLEY ART COLONY

The Morongo Valley Art Colony is headquartered in Covington Park where it has an Art Gallery and adjacent classroom, better known as "Paint'n Place."

Lucile Van Slyck Thompson conducts free classes for beginners and intermediate students as well as portrait, still life and landscape sessions. Louise Bisbee gives lessons on Tri-Chem Liquid Embroidery and sculpturing lessons are also available.

MVCA meetings are held on the second Thursday evening of each month. Programs feature guest speakers and demonstrations.

The Gallery is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special Gallery attraction is the Artists "Bread and Butter" Bargain Counter. Visitors are especially invited.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Yucca Valley's population growth and building development was reflected in the action of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department when, on March 1, 1966, the Yucca Valley Sheriff's Office was opened under the supervision of Sgt. Louis Richenberger. The four man staff includes Deputies Ted Dykes, Ed Burke, Rudy Likens and Gene Rogers. Pearl Barden is deputy clerk. Detectives Roger Melanson and Robert Dunham also work out of the local office. In August, 1966, Sgt. Richard R. Rhoads replaced Richenberger as supervisor. All are under the command of Lt. Joseph M. Karr, Twentynine Palms Sheriff's Substation.

Sheriff Frank Bland took office on Jan. 3, 1955, and has well-served the largest County in the world. His Department ranks second to none.

The area serviced by the Yucca Valley Sheriff's Office extends far beyond the town's borders. Sgt. Rhoads and his deputies, using radio-control cars, police the area from Johnson Valley in the north, through Landers-Homestead Valley, Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, Joshua Tree, Sunfair and Twentynine Palms, keeping a sharp protective eye on the more remote "cabin" areas. Under Sheriff Bland they are on call for special assignments anywhere in the county and also work very closely with the Yucca Valley Rangers, an 18-member volunteer group which serves as a search and rescue unit of the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Frank Bland — In office: January 3, 1955

Sgt. Richard R. Rhoads (second from left), supervisor of the Yucca Valley Sheriff's Office. His deputies are (from left) Ed Burke and Ted Dykes. Pearl Barden is deputy clerk.

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ASSOCIATED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Hi-Desert was first organized in the late 1950's, but, unfortunately, was disbanded before it could attain its goal of basin-wide unity. By the mid-60's there were people in Morongo Valley, Palm Wells, Yucca Valley, Landers, Joshua Tree and Twenty-nine Palms who wanted to see it brought back to life. The resulting push was spearheaded by David Ozuna, of Joshua Tree, and Jim Ishmael, of Yucca Valley. The Associated Chambers was reorganized on October 25, 1965, and Ishmael became its president. Each member chamber pledged its support and cooperation.

One of the primary objectives was for its board to work as a liaison between the local citizenry and state and county officials, particularly in the areas of highways, roads and flood control.

The first project was a Master Calendar of all community events (such as Grubstake Days) which would prevent overlapping of two or more affairs at the same time.

A campaign was started to promote a "safer" four-lane highway through the whole Hi-Desert, and the installation of new highway signs.

In the meantime, the ACCHD, in cooperation with the Twenty-nine Palms Marine Base, instituted a continuously-manned free "Coffee Stop" in Morongo Valley over holiday weekends and compiled an enviable "no-accidents" record.

Other projects include the promotional campaign and hosting of the Joshua Tree National Monument 50th Anniversary, the Shop-at-Home Christmas drive and prize-drawing, the springtime weekend wildflower information series, the Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up campaign and the co-sponsoring of the Joint Economic Conference. The board has also joined the All Year Club of Southern California for all the chambers.

Judy Hammett — 1953 Grubstake Queen

Yucca Valley Homestead Float — 1950

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YUCCA VALLEY SCHOOLS

The very first school in the Hi-Desert was opened in 1913 with Miss Alice L. Sturdy as the teacher for the nine pupils. Classes were held in a tent under an apricot tree on the Pollard property in Morongo Valley. In 1915 Miss Christine Snelling, teacher, started the first Yucca Valley school for 15 students at the John Cariker home. Later a schoolhouse was built on Yucca Trail to be replaced by a larger school in 1930, at Yucca Trail and Wamego Trail. This one burned down in 1933 and was rebuilt. Today the building is used by the Yucca Valley Boy Scouts.

The present-day Yucca Valley Elementary School was first constructed in 1950. More classrooms, an administration unit and the multipurpose room have been added during the years 1953, 1957, 1962 and 1966. Current enrollment is around 391 students.

The Yucca Valley Intermediate School was completed and opened in 1962. Its enrollment today is around 300 students. The Morongo Unified School District and Board of Education voted to convert this campus into a high school and district officials hope the actual construction work starts this month. When it is completed it will have 8 new classrooms, a gymnasium, metal and electrical shops, an athletic field, an art room, three rooms for a temporary library, additional shower and locker rooms by the pool and a terraced outdoor amphitheatre. A stage will be built and band and chorus rooms will be added to the multipurpose room, a portion of the present-day school will be remodeled for a biology lab and the grounds will be graded and paved.

When the high school opens, as such, it will take care of grades 6 through 12 until a new intermediate school can be built in the Yucca Mesa area.

FLIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Four years ago the Yucca Valley Lion's Club hit upon an exciting and novel idea for raising funds to support their world famous Sight Conservation Program. As it happens, many of the local club members and their friend, Norman Essig, are qualified, experienced pilots and own their own well-equipped airplanes. So, they decided to stage their Flight For The Blind over each Grubstake Days. Since then they have flown literally hundreds of people through the clear blue skies of Yucca Valley. Many, getting their first plane ride, are thrilled at the unforgettable experience. Would you like to take a ride in the sky? You can do so after the parade on Saturday and all day on Sunday for a $5 donation. It's for a very good cause and you'll be delighted that at you did.

You'll be supporting a fund which is used to aid those unfortunates of all ages who cannot afford the costly attention necessary to conserve their sight. This assistance is sometimes given by furnishing glasses, eye operations where needed, and, in one instance, a local minister received a corneal transplant paid for by the Yucca Valley Lion's Club.

Mrs. Lois Hutchinson, secretary, and Floris Van Weezel, custodian, two multi-purpose room "bookers."

A good example of what kind of activities go on around Yucca Valley can be gleaned by talking to "the busiest booking agents in the Hi-Desert." They "book" the elementary school multipurpose room for such things as meetings, dances, installations, plays, Halloween Carnivals, film showings, lectures, pot luck dinners, election precincts, arts and crafts classes, debates, square dances, gardening workshops, art exhibits, the Eagle Scout Court of Honor and Brownie Troop meetings.

A very partial list of groups who have used the room includes Tri-Valley Little League, Hi-Desert Teen Council, PTA, Roadrunner District Garden Clubs, Vets of WW I, Morongo Valley Barracks #1222, Hi-Desert Art Guild, all the Scouts, Yucca Valley Gem and Mineral Society, American Association of Retired Persons, Inc., Hi-Desert Democratic Club, Yucca Valley Republican Women's Club, Federated, Star Twirlers Square Dance Club and the county registrar of voters.

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Peggy Allison — 1965 Grubstake Queen

First Beard Contest — (from left) Ed Hardesty, Tom Humphreville, Jack Phoenix.

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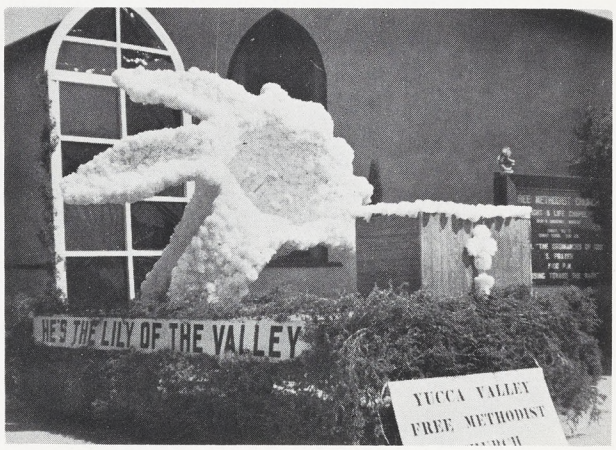

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Mary Lou Holland — 1962 Grubstake Queen

YUCCA VALLEY ORGANIZATIONS

Yucca Valley has never been shy when it comes to forming or joining organizations. For example, there are the Yucca Valley Jaycees, Masonic Lodge 802, American Legion Post and Auxiliary 469, Elks Lodge 2314, Equestrian Trails Corral 46, Eastern Star 629, Lions Club, Yucca Mesa Improvement Association, Hi-Desert Kiwanis Club, Yucca Valley Women's Club, Christian Business Men's Association, Emblem Club 411, VFW Post and Auxiliary 9431, Hi-Desert Community Concert Association, Yucca Valley Players, Chamber of Commerce, Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital Guild, Yucca Valley Rangers, Soroptimists Club, Hi-Desert Writers and the Morongo Basin West Taxpayer's Association.

Other active groups include two chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, Hi-Desert Foto Fans, Yucca Mesa Women's Club, Senior Citizens Social Club, Hi-Desert PTA Council, Daughters of the Nile, Yucca Valley Garden Club, Rotary Club, both a Men's and Women's Yucca Valley Golf Club Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, Yucca Valley Beautiful Association, Roadrunner TOPS 574, American Bowling Congress League Teams, Yucca Valley Ministerial Association which represents churches of all denominations, and the Yucca Valley Board of Realtors.

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On the night of September 27, 1909, a brooding, intoxicated young Piute Indian named Willie Boy shot and killed Mike Boniface, a Chemehuevi Indian chief, on the Gilman Ranch in Banning, and kidnapped the murder victim's daughter, Isoleta (Lolita). Thus was set into motion what was to ultimately become the West's Last Famous Manhunt.

A year before Willie Boy had kidnapped the ill-starred Lolita from her father's camp near the 29 Palms Oasis, but the infuriated chieftain was able to chase him down and rescue his frightened daughter. Now, as the crazed Willie Boy pulled the terrified Indian girl behind him up the steep and perilous slopes of Mt. San Jacinto, a posse of men selected by San Bernardino County Sheriff John Ralphs and Riverside County Sheriff Frank Wilson took to their horses and started trailing and tracking.

Willie Boy, well aware of his followers, climbed back down the mountainside, ran swiftly across the desert floor to Whitewater, on up Little Morongo Canyon into the hills north of Morongo Valley (carefully avoiding all the ranchers and settlers there) and on into Pipes Canyon. Here the utterly exhausted Lolita collapsed and could go no farther. Cut, bruised, clothes torn, feet bleeding, she had been hauled, pushed and shoved long enough. The angry Willie Boy, determined not to let the posse have her, killed her and left her there.

From then on the wily Indian circled and re-crossed the vast mountain, desert and rocky hill area of the Morongo Basin with his trackers always coming behind him. His almost superhuman endurance of the September heat, the terrifically fast pace, the lack of food and water can be attested to in the fact that, at all times, Willie Boy, on foot, outran the posse on horseback. At one point the posse found a message on the trail from the sharp-shooting Indian — a dead jack rabbit, shot through the eye. Near the dry lake beds between 29 Palms and Joshua Tree they found the burned remains of a lizard which Willie Boy had attempted to eat for food and moisture.

By this time many of the posse members had dropped out, weary and disenchanted with the grueling, torturous chase. Sheriff Ralphs castigated them as he formed his final posse. "There were some posse members who joined the hunt as a lark —a final chance for western glory," he said. "This is no vacation. I want men who don't have to tighten their belts to keep their hearts out of their throats."

He found them in Deputy Sheriff Charlie Reche, Ben and Waldemar de Crevecouer, Joe Toutain, Willie Pablo, Joe Nolan, Segundo Chino, John Hyde and others. Chino had an uncanny tracking ability and soon picked up the trail. Early on October 7,

Charlie Reche's Family (from left) Morgan Reche, Ruth Reche, Kit Reche, Donna Clifford, T. J. Clifford and children David and Susan.

Reche and his posse rounded the point of a canyon beside Ruby Mountain (northwest of Landers). Gunshots rang out at a fast clip and Reche fell wounded in the left hip. Four of the horses lay dead, shot out from under their riders. Willie Boy was above them, hiding in the rugged boulders. Reche refused to allow his men to rescue him until nightfall. John Hyde was sent to get help — with Willie Boy's bullets chattering at his heels. All day Reche lay in agony in the soul-searing sun. When darkness came the posse found the only surviving horse, put Reche across the saddle and started to leave for Warren's Well in Yucca Valley. One last shot breached the stillness — Willie Boy had saved the last bullet for himself rather than surrender to the white men. Reche was taken to a San Bernardino hospital. When the posse returned days later they found Willie Boy's body — the last bullet through his head. Hyde, Chino, Pablo and the other Indians asked if they might be allowed to cremate the remains and bury the ashes where he died — an old Piute custom. They were given permission to do so.

Thus, last October, 57 years later, almost to the day, a plaque was dedicated at Willie Boy's grave. The Yucca Valley Rangers had relocated the grave-site of the cremated Piute Indian and set the machinery in motion to dedicate the site of the last western manhunt to all regular and volunteer lawmen and posses, past and present. It was not intended to glorify the fugitive.

Earlier, last spring, Bob Nordyke of the Rangers began making arrangements for preparation of the site and dedication ceremony. A rough road was "jeep-tracked" in from the end of the New Dixie Mine Road a chain-link fence was installed around

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GATHERED AT GRAVESIDE

Descendents of early-day posse members, Yucca Valley Rangers, Morongo Basin Mounted Sheriff's Posse, 29 Palms Sheriff's Reserves, Undersheriff Kendall J. Stone, Undersheriff Robert E. Presley, Inspector Floyd E. Tidwell, Capt. Harry D. Hoekstra, Lt. Joseph M. Karr, Detective Roger Melanson, Capt. Jim Couzens, Capt. Don McDowell, Val Jones, and author Harry Lawton, whose book is being made into a motion picture on the Willie Boy Manhunt.

the grave; the right spot for the plaque was chosen; and, down and away from the grave, behind a huge boulder, a picnic table was set up for future visitors.

Capt. Jim Couzens, then commander of the Yucca Valley Rangers, made the dedication presentation. Present to pay homage to the bravery and preserverance of the early-day posse were descendents of those determined men. They were Morgan F. Reche and Mrs. Donna R. Clifford, the grandson and granddaughter of Charlie Reche; Mrs. Walter M. "Kit" Reche, who was married to Reche's son; Reche's great-grandchildren, David L. and Susan L. Clifford; and Jane Penn, daughter of Willie Pablo. Mrs. Penn is director of the Malki Museum at the Morongo Indian Reservation near Banning. Except for Morgan, it was the first time any of them had been to the site.

Another important personage was Harry R. Lawton, Riverside author and newsman, whose book "Willie Boy" has been sold and will soon be made into a motion picture. Also participating were San Bernardino County Undersheriff Kendall J. Stone, Riverside County Undersheriff Robert E. Presley, Inspector Floyd E. Tidwell, Capt. Harry D. Hoekstra, Lt. Joseph M. Karr and Detective Roger Melanson. In all there were 95 members of the Sheriff's Department, the Rangers, the Morongo Basin Mounted Sheriff's Posse, Twentynine Palms Sheriff's Reserves and three members of the Apple Valley Rangers.

The 22 mounted posse members, under Capt. Donald B. McDowell, rode their horses to the site and retraced the last 12½ miles of the back-breaking trail laid down by the crafty Willie Boy and the faithful posse. Said Capt. McDowell, "Willie Boy was trying desperately to elude his followers and chose the roughest, most precipitous trail. Now that we have ridden over it and back again, my hat is off to him, in this respect only — and very definitely to that posse."

Lawton, who eloquently told those assembled of the tragedy of Willie Boy and his crimes and of the spirit of the lawmen and their heroic deeds, summed up the spirit of the dedication. "Because so many of the men who rode under Sheriffs John Ralphs and Frank Wilson were volunteers, it seems to me particularly appropriate that this site of the Wests' last great manhunt should be marked today by another volunteer group that renders non-salaried services as commissioned sheriff's deputies — the Yucca Valley Rangers."

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The Yucca Valley Kiwanis Club has been most generous in supporting youth activities by sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Kiwanis Kids' Day and trophies, and the trophy awards for the Swim Team.

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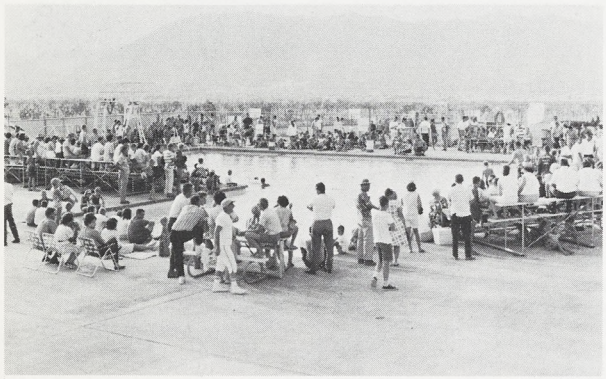

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Capt. Ron Webb, then Scoutmaster, and Les Pippitt, then Assistant Scoutmaster, were so proud of the boys that they planned and executed an especially impressive ceremony as a tribute to them. U. S. Army CWO Philip Gray, of Ft. Irwin, a member of the famous Green Berets and former Eagle Scout, made the presentation before a phalanx of dignitaries including Lyle Bull, Executive Scoutmaster, Arrowhead Council, and three more former Eagle Scouts — Fire Chief Howard Anderson, 29 Palms; R. P. Broyles, Assistant Ranger, JTNM; and Deputy Sheriff Edward Burke, Yucca Valley.

COURT OF HONOR — CWO Philip Gray, a member of the U.S. Army Green Berets, presents Eagle Scout Awards to Steve Gilbert (left) and Greg Nordyke. Watching proudly are Scoutmaster Ron Webb (far left) and Assistant Scoutmaster Les Pippitt.

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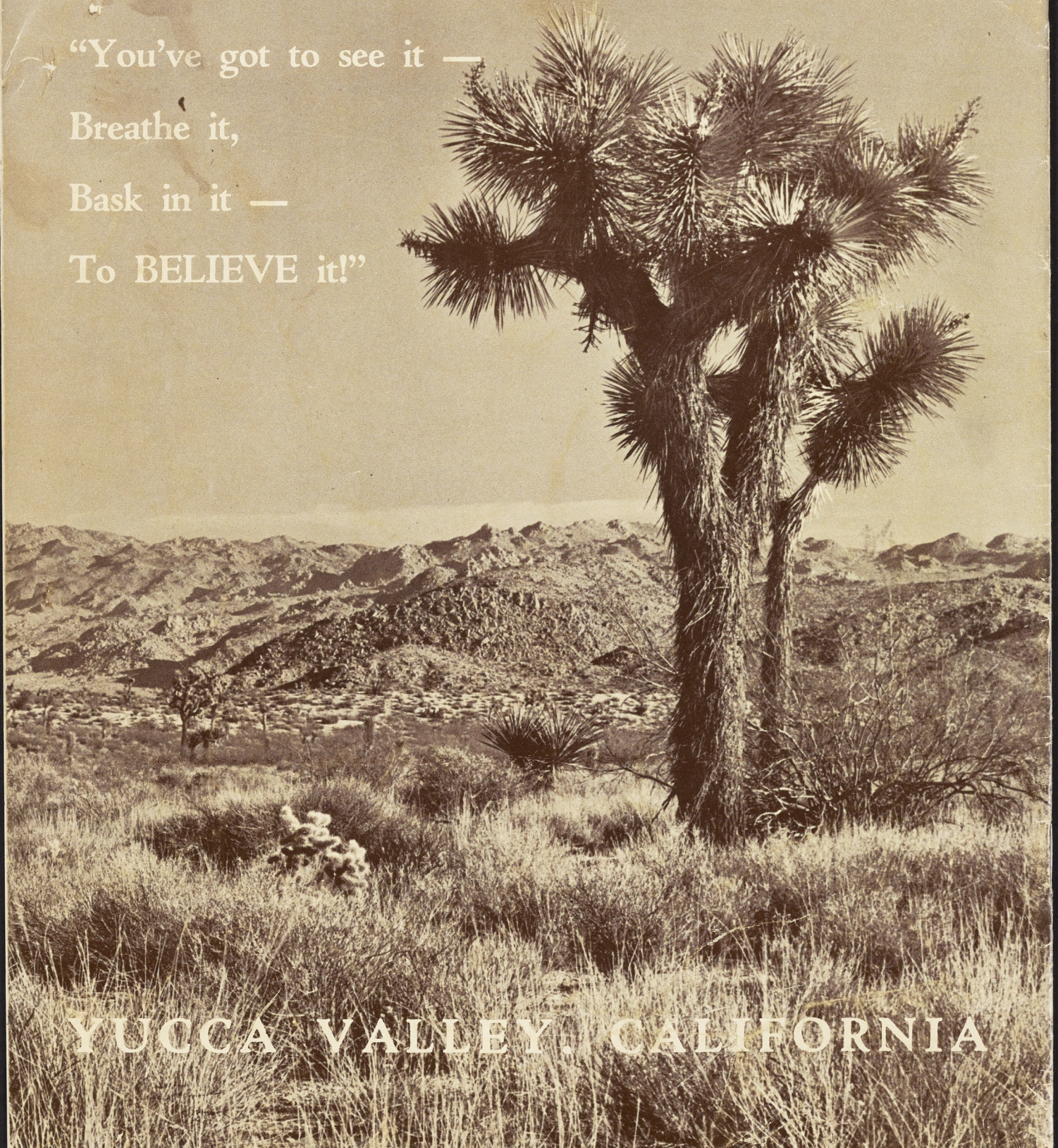

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